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*******Note: The event time has been changed to 11:30 a.m.*******

**GOV. EASLEY TO WELCOME K-LINE JAPANESE SHIPPING COMPANY AND ITS NEW
VESSEL TO STATE PORT AT WILMINGTON**

WILMINGTON – Gov. Mike Easley will welcome a new vessel from the K-Line company of Tokyo and help celebrate the return of Japanese shipping to the Wilmington port on **Friday (April 11) at 11:30 a.m., Berth 8, State Port of Wilmington, off Shipyard Boulevard.**

Media interested in attending the event, subsequent news conference and ship tour need to – **in advance** – contact Karen Fox, director of public affairs, N.C. State Ports Authority, at work, (910) 790-2339, or by cell, (910) 520-5745. Proper press credentials and photo identification will be required.

Directions: Driving in on Interstate 40 East into Wilmington, as I-40 ends, it becomes Highway 132 South, or College Road. Travel 4.5 miles to Shipyard Boulevard. Bear right onto Shipyard Boulevard and go 3.5 miles to State Port entrance.

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